

All articles intended for publication in the *Times* must be accompanied with the real name of the author; not necessarily for publication but as a guarantee of good faith.

Why?

It is only a deep sense of our duty as a servant of the public that forces us forward to give our reason why Republicanism is distasteful to the native white population of our State.

It seems that our former attempt has been regarded as unsound reasoning, apparently unworthy of confutation. We however think it was both sound and good as well as truthful—an argument which cannot be confuted.

The editor of the "News," in his "Plain talk," concedes that many of the Republican leaders have intelligence and that they are all corrupt, and asks whether we propose to give better men to the colored people; who he says almost monopolize the Republican honesty of the State, and we presume he knows. We have repeatedly offered these better men to these "honest," but grossly deceived upholders of Republican corruption. Their "ignorance," alone can excuse the blind faith with which they keep these corrupt men in high position; and one of the main reasons why we answer the questions of the "News," at all, is because we really believe that did we not do so, the colored people of this country would actually believe them unanswerable.

The "News," says that by these corrupt men, we lose "only money." We say that we justly hold the Republican party responsible for the election of such men to office, and that we lose not "only money" but we lose representation entirely; while we pay almost the whole tax, which is enormous and still being made more burdensome.

If the majority of men in this State do actually believe in Republican principles, why is it that they do not evince those principles in their selections at the ballot box? Why send men to the capital who sacrifice the public weal for bribe, who disguise the condition of the State finances, who prostitute the sacred power of law-making to the promotion of individual speculation and the institution of unequal taxation? Are these Republican principles forsooth? Whether they be acknowledged as such or not, such is the publicly recorded fact as to the practical result of the South Carolina working of Republican doctrines; nay, we might say of the result in our own county. It was but the last term of court here, that we had our previous county officers indicted for, tried and convicted of malfeasance in office—all except the Treasurer.

Yet, the editor of the "News" who has been with eagle eye, and no lack of either interest or intelligence, watching the progress of events for three years, tells us with a warning of wise honesty, a pathos almost affectionate, that we are noble but foolish, forgetful of our dear State in her love for her honor now past; tarnished not by defeat in war, but sullied by the men who wear her ermine now in the balmy (?) days of peace. With the State prostituted by the barbarous riot of unscrupled Republicanism, we are told to desert the sheet rope of integrity of purpose, or drift to perdition. Are we not there already? Yea, verily, and that not of ourselves, but through Republicanism. If not in the depths, there is but a thin sheet of pure ice that upholds us and that is Democracy undimmed by one flaw of Republicanism. We may cling to a delusion in our hope of influencing the colored people to believe in the justice of our position, the honesty of our purpose, and the principle that still lives in the Democracy of our State. If we can once convince them of these truths

then will Radicalism forever lose her grasp upon the vitals of this section. This the Republicans know and in order to divert the attention of "honest but ignorant" Sables, they keep alive (amid their demand to cast aside dead issues) the old song of slavery. Why did not the "News," in its honest advice to us, have one word of charitable truth for the colored people? Why does he call them "poor and ignorant," and hold so time-worn a shield between his blinded proteges and Democracy, as the rattling bones of long buried disfranchisement. Is he not lawyer enough to know that if a Democratic Legislature were to propose a property or educational qualification, it would have to go before the colored people to be passed upon at the polls—that under such circumstances no intelligent Democrat would propose such a measure—that if they did the next election would knock them and the proposition in the head. The "News," could not have been ignorant of this fact and yet it hinges it whole argument upon the absolute falsity of this absolute truth—that with their immense majority, if the colored men lose one iota of their "liberty," it is because they give it away—that no body of men, of whatever political creed, can ever alter the present State Constitution in any way to affect their liberty or rights, without their full consent, previously given at the polls. That such political burglary cannot be sprung upon them.

Now as to why we call ourselves Democrats, it is simply to imply that we are not Republicans. We are unwilling to be known as Republicans, because since the close of the war they have shown to us an utter faithlessness to their word, with corruption and inhumanity indeed. Up to that time the only base treachery we had experienced was from the Democrats of the North, with whose sins it is vainly assayed to charge us. We have nought in sympathy with them. They were faithless to us on the war issue as a party; and we have too illustrious examples of their capacity for individual desertion in President Grant and Gov. Scott. We do not feel heavily robbed, in either instance, of purity. The Northern sentiment on the subject we do not know.

Quotations are made from "Plain Talk."

Our Senator Aspirant.

Geo. W. Sturgeon, our Senator aspirant, is in jail. He stole \$200, not (as we, by mistake, said) \$400. The bail required is \$400, and unfortunately for Sturgeon, is still required. Upon arrest, he declined preliminary examination, which was equivalent to the acknowledgment of guilt. In charge of a constable, he went and inquired of the telegraph operator if General Grant had sent him (Sturgeon) congratulation on his feat (theft). We once had the disgust of hearing Sturgeon publicly, in a speech, confess to a former theft; one from the United States Government; and we understand that on a visit to Charleston, he stole once a dog, which was recovered from him and sent back to the owner, by a law firm in this town.

These are the kind of men Radicalism or South Carolina Republicanism gives to the people as Senators, and tell us the majority must rule. Good God, how long!

In our desire to meet what we deemed the want of our community, by issuing the *Times* as soon as possible, we did not delay until we had previously canvassed. We have relied on the aid of those to whom we send copies who can materially forward our enterprise by not only subscribing themselves, but also getting their friends and acquaintances to do so. The result has been encouraging to us. Keep on. Help us. Let them understand we are a live, honest Democratic journal—down on Southern Republicanism or Radical rascality.

Subscribe to the "Times" and get posted in reference to County matters, and Sheriff sales &c.

Acknowledgments.

Orangeburg reaps the fruits of her labor in other fields. Since our last issue, we have had complimentary invitations to the annual Commencements of their respective institutions, from Dr. P. A. Dantzler, who has just graduated at the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, and Dr. M. G. Salley, who has completed a successful course in the School of Medicine of the University of Maryland.

These young gentlemen will shortly return home, where we bespeak for them a pleasant welcome and the profitable patronage of the community in their respective professions.

A Lease.

There will be a Mass meeting of all the voters in the county, for the adoption of legal measures against the carrying into effect a lease of the Court House Square by the County Commissioners to E. Ezekiel, who proposes to erect a wooden store, to the detriment of the Public and endangering of the County records. See notice elsewhere.

"A REQUEST."

We request our friends throughout the County to give us all the items of news that may come under their observation in their respective neighborhoods, such as sale, accident, &c.—anything that may be of interest either to the County at large or to their own neighborhood.

They can either send us a communication, or simply give us the particulars which we will arrange ourselves. Our friends by complying with this request will confer a favor upon us.

LOCAL.

DIVINE SERVICE.

May be expected in the Presbyterian church at half past 7 o'clock, and on to-morrow evening at the same hour a sermon will be preached especially to the young men of the community, who are all cordially invited to attend.

BISHOP HOWE.

Bishop Howe was in our town last week; and delivered two sermons, both of which were marked with the deep thought and eloquence which is so truly characteristic of this eminent divine.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

At the meeting of the Orangeburg Agricultural Society on Monday last, the following gentlemen were elected Trustees for the ensuing year: Dr. T. A. Elliott, Paul S. Felder, II. M. Moorer, W. C. Moss, F. H. W. Briggmann, Dr. R. W. Bates, James F. Izlar.

DIED.

We regret to learn of the misfortune last week of Mr. W. L. W. Riley, a Trial Justice residing in the Fork. On Saturday, his wife died very suddenly. Since then he has lost three children by death. Death is supposed to have been caused by eating diseased meat. Mr. Riley has our deep sympathy in his sad bereavement.

SINGER SEWING MACHINE.

Our readers will be pleased to know that an agency has been established at this place for the sale of the celebrated "Singer Sewing Machines," under the superintendence of Mr. J. K. White. The favor with which these Machines have been received, is a sufficient guarantee of their work. Mr. White is located at Messrs. Bull, Scovill & Pike where he will be pleased to exhibit the merits of his Machines.

TOURNAMENT.

A meeting of those in favor of holding a tournament in May, was held on last Saturday, at the Engine House, and several knights were entered for the contest. The body was duly organized, and the day for the Tournament agreed upon. We understand that there are now about twenty-five gentlemen on the list, and several more expected. If this be the case, our citizens may anticipate a merry time. Make it a success, gentlemen.

"PICTURE MAN" WANTED.

Orangeburg needs a "picture man," most sadly. We don't mean a man who takes pictures; but a man who takes pictures. There are a great many young ladies—and old ones too—in Orangeburg who want their pictures taken; and in justice to them we make this announcement.

THE PEAK FAMILY.

Our citizens had the pleasure of attending one of the performances of the Peak Family Swiss Bell Ringers on last Friday evening. Notwithstanding the extreme inclemency of the weather, the Court House was filled to its utmost capacity. The bell music was really fine, and the songs by Master Bernard were well rendered. Middle Zeida with her skillful fingers entertained the audience with the piano, and "old man Peak," was loudly applauded. We would suggest the erection of a building where such entertainments can be held with convenience. Shall we have a public hall or not?

GONE TO JAIL.

We had occasion to state last week, that Geo. W. Sturgeon, who was arrested on charge of stealing money while Deputy County Treasurer, had left town in search of bail. We are informed that he went to Columbia, and misrepresented his case, expecting to receive the sympathy of some of his "friends," but as several copies of the *Times* reached Columbia the day he did, his "friends," eyes were opened, and Sturgeon had to retrace his steps in charge of Deputy Sheriff Joyner, and upon his return was remanded to jail.

Stealing public monies has become of such common note, that it is now hardly considered a crime.

How about the Internal Revenue swindle? What has been done about it?

SALE DAY.

The streets presented a lively appearance on Monday last, and our merchants with bright and happy smiles, could be seen behind their respective counters waiting upon their numerous customers, in the most attentive manner.

The following property was sold by the Sheriff. Tract of 105 acres; property of Louis Gerrick brought \$145. Tract of 32 acres property of P. W. Murphy brought \$296. Four lots near Railroad avenue brought \$110 each. About 50 farm lots adjoining the town, brought from \$5 to 15.

Very little personal property was disposed of. Several head of mules and horses were sold by stock dealers.

After the public sales were concluded, the spectators had the opportunity of witnessing a hand-to-hand combat between two "Sons of Ham." We did not wait to see the result of the battle but we understand that "the colored troops fought nobly."

Tangle-foot did not commence work until late in the day; but when he did, he made several "limber legs."

Arrivals at Meroney's Hotel.

T. J. Bodkins, England; P. J. Turner, II. W. Gainer, Thos. Berton, Kentucky; — Gourdin, Laurens; H. E. Grainger, & Son, James Quail, W. R. Clouton, C. L. Yates, Charleston; Mr. & Mrs. Warnock, L. Hayne Culler, S. Pearson, J. S. Bowman, Orangeburg; Wm. Peak & Lady Miss Fannie Peak, New Orleans; Middle Zeida, Paris; Master Bernard, James Stanley, New York; Wm. McMahon, Philadelphia; G. C. Ablen, J. N. Block, Washington; J. B. Jones, Williamsburg; E. F. Slater, J. P. Murphy, Bamberg; J. F. Meyers and wife, Miss Meroney, Columbia; Henry Mungo, New York; F. M. Bamberg, S. C.; B. D. Myers, W. V. Myers, Branchville; O. H. Yates, P. Porcher, Orangeburg; D. K. Nims, F. W. Dunlap, St. Matthews.

CONSIGNEES PER S. C. R. R.

G. H. Cornelson, J. A. Hamilton, W. A. Meroney, F. P. Beard, J. A. Caugh, J. W. Crider, C. Thorn, J. Hutto, N. E. W. Sistrunk, E. J. Oliveros, Champy Bros., J. S. Funches, Dr. J. A. Amaker, G. W. Dannelly, E. V. Snell, J. P. Thompson, M. N. Riley, J. C. Rowell, J. McNamar, W. H. Moreman, Mrs. A. E. Harville, W. W. Culler, F. H. W. Briggman & Co., T. A. Jeffords, D. C. Rowe, A. W. Tharin, J. Riley, A. M. Snell, A. D. Fair, J. A. Sill, Bull, S. & P., T. B. Whaley, W. Willcock, M. Albrecht, E. M. Jackson, James H. Fowles, J. D. Keitt, W. T. Knotts, W. F. Barton, J. W. Fair, H. A. C. Walker, B. Doyle, N. A. Bull, W. T. Muller, M. McMaster, D. Bull, J. D. Smoak, A. Webster.

LIST OF LETTERS REMAINING IN ORANGEBURG POST OFFICE TO MARCH 5th, 1872.

D—Mr Henry Davis.
H—Mr J T Hopkins, Mr William Hayne.
J—Mrs Peggy Jacobs.
R—Hilliard Rump.
S—Mr John Small, Mr W B Siler.
T—Jas T. Suman.
W—Mrs Evan Whittemore.
Persons calling for the above letters will please say they are advertised.

A Deer Hunt.

Mr. Editor: Let us give you a description of a deer hunt which took place on Mill Branch, five miles above this village. It was not "redbug time." We had not as fine a scratch as some of our friends had on their camp hunt on Great Branch, neither did we get into a fight with the boys or any body else, nevertheless we had quite an exciting time.

Capt. J., was along, a famous fisherman, but not much on a hunt. The first deer past him in short range without his seeing it, to use his own expression: "Had he known that old dog was hollowing after deer he would have kept a sharp lookout, but promised to do better in the future, which he did, for he discharged both barrels of his gun at the next, with what effect has never been ascertained. The hunt was planned and the standers placed by that veteran hunter Mr. W. The hounds divided into three packs each under the command of a skillful driver. Seven deer were started all taking a bee-line for the standers—the firing commenced. For the time the writer was strongly reminded of the picket firing along the lines in front of Richmond in 1862.

When the drivers came in they found four fine deer killed, by whom is not positively known. Six standers were on the spot with empty guns, each with a big tale to tell, but the four deer were certainly killed. Who can hunt it? We then started to camp, had quite a jollification over our success. Excellent dinner served up, ended the day's sport.

ONE OF THE PARTY.

Spring Suits from Paris.

[From Harper's Bazar, March 9.] French costumes begin to arrive and show something of novelty in small details, though the principal features still remain the basque with overskirt, or else a polonaise with single skirt. The wraps are caps of various styles, called MacFarlands, or else Havelocks; and pretty fichus are added to house dresses and polonaises. Many French basques have vests of a different color, with the neck of the dress turned back on revers; the back is invariably a postilion, and many have trimmings arranged to give the Watteau effect, but sewed flat to the garment.

Stylish over skirts are given a new and graceful effect by being draped very far back instead of on the sides. The gathers of the drapery begin at the bottom of the skirt, and stop a finger length below the waist, where they are ornamented by bows and loop ends in the fashion of the Marguerite polonaise. This leaves the apron very smooth, instead of being wrinkled as it is now worn. The three front widths are sometimes separate from the back. In this case the fulness of the front side goes in pleats up the seams; tapes are attached to these and tied behind the person. The back widths then hang straight from the belt and conceal the tapes.

New polonaises are called Franklin coats and have the long continental and square pockets of revolutionary times. Others have round capes or else fichus lapped on the bosom. The fulness at the back of the skirt is gathered to the waist in a large, treble box pleat. Many striped polonaises are worn over skirts of solid color. Later in the season green and blue polonaise will be imported in stripes of solid color alternating with gay chintz stripes in Dolly Varden fashion. These will be worn with black or colored silk skirts.